(viii) To prevent black-markeeting and hoarding of stocks, States|UTs have been asked to gear up their enforcement machinery and launch drive against hoarders, blackmarketeers, speculators etc. Since August, 1987, 25,599 raids have been conducted resulting in 1124 arrests and seizure of goods worth Rs 10.21 crores.

Resignation by the executive of children's film society of India (CFSI)

*16 SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the entire executive council of the Children's Film Societ of India (CFSI) which is entrusted with the task of producing good films for children had resigned recently;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) to (c) Only the Chairman and three other non-official members of the Executive Council of Children's Film Society of India have tendered their resignation through a letter dated 22-9-87 addressed to Minister for Informatio and Broadcasting. In the resignation letter they have alleged non-cooperation of the Government in vague and general terms. They have also alleged that Government have failed to provide a Chief Executive Officer (C.E.O.) to the Society.

2. The CFSI being an autonomous body has its own regulations to appoint its officers and staff. On request from the Society, Government had initiated steps to make available to the Society a panel of Officers, who could be considered for appointment to the post of CEO. The Executive Council of the Society is to consider these names shortly and to make selection.

3 In the resignation letter dated 22-9-87 the Chairman and other non-official members had expressed their willingness to continue till the completion of the 5th International Children's Film Festival of India which is scheduled to be held from 14th November to 23rd November, 1987 at Bhubaneswar. This offer has been accepted by the Government and the Chairman and the said three non-official members are continuing with the Society.

Use of biofertilisers to increase rice production

*17. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTUURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new technology has been developed to double the rice production in the country through use of biofertilisers as appeared in the Economic Times of 19th August, 1987 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) when was this new technology developed in the country including at IARI and the places where it has been used so far and the results thereof;

(c) whether biofertilisers are also on the priority list of Department of Biotechnology in its long-term and short-term plans; and

(d) what is the contribution of ICAR and its Institutes towards the biofertilisers and results obtained so far indicating the quantities of biofertilisers manufactured during last three years indicating the hectares covered and increase in crop production and saving in chemical fertilisers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRCULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.